

not yet twelve who enjoy saving a few of their spending pennies for the cause of Christ. "Suffer little children to come unto me" is repeated in Mark and given a third time in Luke. If it brings no other benefit than to train them to give regularly to missions, shall we not suffer them to join with us? In this as in all else, let us learn his way.

Shall you care for a little mission news? It is only a slight incident that occurred in the poverty-stricken home mentioned several weeks ago. The mission thru the charity organizations, secured help for them until the husband again found employment. The two small upper rooms they occupy are rented from the man down stairs who has been very quarrelsome when the rent was not forthcoming. He reached the climax one night last week when he summoned his brother, a regular prize-fighter, to do the fighting for him. When they went upstairs to open the unlocked door, the wife bent her weight against it, until she found it of no avail, then to further protect her husband she quickly tossed the one month old baby into his arms. They entered but could do little more than frighten the poor woman. With this she came to the mission to ask what to do, and Brother Bowman has had to open the mission to the abused man until his wife and family can be moved to other rooms.

What a hard life for both parties! and if "life is what we make it" the unsympathetic will blame them severely. But if cruelty is inherited on the one side and carelessness on the other, probably drink on both sides, what else can you expect? Are they not doing about as well as either one or the other of their parents did? and are the best of us much better than our mothers? We need not uphold them in wrong but we can have more charity when we make allowance for them. The heathen are heathen because they are heathen.

During the week, for a time, I am nursing in the hospital where I find yet another world, and some worlds are not easy to mingle with, but with Jesus there is peace.

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I will try to write a few lines about our society. We hold two meetings in each month, the first is a devotional meeting. These meetings are very helpful to all of us. The last one is a work meeting, we do most all kinds of work. The past winter we have been sewing carpet rags and making clothes pin aprons. We now have a piece of carpet ready to sell. We expect to have an all day meeting soon to quilt one quilt and tack two comforts. Our society is doing fine under the advice of our President, Sister Groff.

Now about our Sunday school. On the evening of March 31 a few of our brothers and sisters met to organize a S. S. Owing to the stormy night a good many did not get

to attend. Officers were elected and we began the first Sunday in April. We see nothing to hinder us from having a good S. S. Yesterday there were 65 in attendance. Of course that isn't a large number but then there are three S. S. in this town besides ours in the morning, and one in the afternoon. We feel very much encouraged to think we have a S. S. As this is our first one we hope we will have a prosperous school. We are using the Brethren literature.

Brother Flora comes here once a month and preaches two sermons each time which we appreciate.

EMMA DERR.

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I notice there has been a scarcity of articles lately for the Sister's column. Of course we all enjoy the President's letters but she no doubt would like to hear from others as well. So I will give an account of what we are doing at Enon.

Sometimes we think because we have no great victory to report there is no need of writing. I for one enjoy reading the Sisters' letters, especially from the societies where they do not have regular preaching services. They seem so zealous. After Mrs. Gillin went away I was elected to take her place as president till the close of the year. At our annual election of officers in January the following officers were elected: Cora Snyder, President; Mrs. Simon Shanlis, Vice President; Mrs. S. J. Lichty, Secretary and Treasurer. We have tried to meet once each month in devotional meeting. We took up the Sermon on the Mount and read a chapter at each meeting, with comments by all who wished to take part. Also have a few prayers and sometimes sing a hymn or two. I think the more active we are in these meetings the more we enjoy them and the more we will grow spiritually and that is one object of the society.

We also work when we have it to do. This winter we made a worsted quilt which we expect to sell. Each block bears the name of the sister who pieced it. At our monthly meetings the sister entertaining the society furnishes a dinner or supper and each one gives ten cents and as much more as they choose. The brethren often come too which helps considerably. Our aim now is to get the young sisters interested in the work and have them join. One little girl handed in her name last winter voluntarily, and at a public sale where the society helped prepare the lunch, she was there and did her part. I hope it may not be long till she will seek an entrance into the church. It is hard sometimes to get the members out in the winter when the roads and weather are bad and the membership quite scattered, but I have noticed those that are *really interested* manage somehow to get there, health permitting of course. I have been thinking it would be profitable to use Brother Yoder's notes at our devotional meetings, they are so good. I

am one of those that think they are as good as the best.

Now let us hear from others. I should like to hear from the Johnstown society. Let us all be found at our post doing our duty.

CORA SNYDER.

The S. S. C. E. in My Congregations

Knowing the good our sisters are doing for the cause of the Master, I feel constrained to write a few lines in behalf of the noble work they are doing in the congregations that we are preaching for. I feel they are worthy of praise. I don't know whether I am out of place in this article or not, if so and some one will tell me I will stand corrected. All will admit that the sisters are doing more good in the church financially than any other auxiliary in the church, and it has been my pleasure to meet with them a few times and there is a tie of love and sociability that binds them together as sisters in Christ, and then the devotional services are very helpful and encouraging. Instead of being a place to meet and talk about the neighbors as some of its opposers have said, I want to bear testimony to the fact that their conversation is of a higher nature.

An old sister said to me one time, oh that is one of those new fangled ideas. I wonder if it is. I wonder if Dorcas did not belong to a S. S. C. E. We find the sisters came together at her death and mourned and wept as they looked at the garments that she had made, and I feel to-day that if this society were to go down the church would feel her loss, and I feel also that they should be encouraged in the good works they are doing. Well now as to what our societies are doing. First at Corinth they have paid \$50 to pastor, \$17 to janitor, besides what they have done in mission and other ways. Total \$67.50.

At College Corner they paid for paint and painting the church. Paid some on the new bell, bought a new stove for church, some to the Theological Chair at Ashland College, and helped in other ways amounting to \$96 95, with \$7 40 in the treasury.

At Loree a new bell and repairs on church \$56, \$4 to Ashland College for Indorsement Fund, with other helps.

At College Corner at the close of our protracted meeting this winter they did not forget the preacher and his better half, but presented us a nice new comforter and wife a nice opera shawl, altho we don't go to the opera. Our good Sister Howell gave us 12 quarts of nice canned peaches for which we feel thankful for all. God bless the S. S. C. E. everywhere is our prayer.

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Glorious it is to wear the crown
Of a deserved and pure success;
He who knows how to fail has won
A crown whose luster is not less.

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